

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

Recently, with the wider use of cellular phones, more and more users listen to music via their cellular phones, and thus, the perceptual sound quality of music provided via the cellular phones became more critical. Since music signals are encoded by a voice encoding method optimized to human voice signals such as EVRC (Enhanced Variable Rate Coding) in a cellular communication system, the music signals are often distorted by such encoding method, and listeners experience pauses in music caused by such voice-optimized encoding method. To improve the perceptual sound quality of music, a method for preprocessing digital audio data is provided in order to prevent the problem of pause in music signals in a cellular phone. In particular, AGC (Automatic Gain Control) preprocessing and PHE (Pitch Harmonics Enhancement) is performed to the digital audio data having low dynamic range. By this method, the number of pauses in music signal is reduced, and the perceptual sound quality of the music is improved.